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Carrie: Male, Age 38

Background Data

156 *159 [622] Carrie is the model of a self-made, upwardly mobile, brash and back-slapping young American male. He is a tribal leader whose power is rooted in an amalgamation of various dissident elements, rather than in a large kin group, and a business man with numerous interests. He says, of himself, that "I have no occupation, as occupations go. I guess you might say I am a confidence man."

*159 [873] [464] Like the other subjects, Carrie was raised on a ranch by his parents. He is a high school graduate and a graduate of a junior college course in accounting. His work record suggests his ambition and his upward progression, for he started as a farm laborer, went to truck driving, then worked during World War II as a production machinist, completed his education, then worked for the Agency and, finally, was able to settle down to living off his several sources of income. He has never been out of the state except for short business trips. He spends most of his time on the reservation attending to tribal and his own business, 156 and participating in various voluntary and formal associations. More recently *159 he has become active in politics on a local level and by some has been ear-marked as a "comer." His intellectual horizons are very wide, extending to a keen awareness of the difficulties faced by Dag Hammarskjold. His reputation is excellent and he is particularly esteemed by many Whites, although this esteem is [620] not shared by all Klamath, which reflects only the factionalism of Klamath politics and, perhaps, the efforts of some to control a man who is too successful.

[184] Carrie has been married once and this marriage has lasted 15 years. He has six children and his family life, again, is precisely what might be expected of a successful young American. Carrie's entire style of life is entirely different from that of most other young Klamath men.

*159 Very little is known of Carrie's early life except that his background is rural Klamath and that his mother was a housewife and his father an indifferently and intermittantly employed laborer.

156 124 The writer never made much headway with understanding Carrie until the day he was brow-beaten into taking the Rorschach. Before this time he had been seen only as an aggressive, back-slapping, competitive, and somewhat empty character. He had agreed to testing, but had managed to slip out of several appointments until one day when the entire complement of field workers descended on him during a visit, arguing and insisting that he had to set the example. Carrie was thus hung on his own petard, and when we walked into the testing room there was some question as to who was the most fearful of the consequences of this episode, Carrie or the examiner. Carrie was manifestly tense and fearful, but in a very short period of time relaxed and accepted the test situation. Rapport was excellent, and Carrie clearly defined the situation as one where he should discuss 156 his private concerns, motives, and sentiments. From sessions like this it became evident that Carrie's brash front consisted of a set of behaviors he saw as appropriate to his position. That is, the social Carrie was a well defined role. Behind this persona lay a genuine concern with the welfare of tribal members and their future, as well as strong personal aspirations, deep committments to family and community, and fears associated with his private feeling that he was not an adequate or relaxed "mixer." He stated, for example, that "I guess I just don't have the courage to get out, even among my own people. I'm not much of a talker and I guess you'd say I'm kind of backward. I really prefer to be alone by myself." Some of this apprehensiveness is associated